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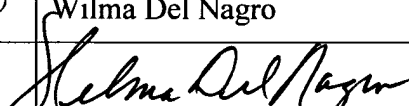
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PULSED ION SOURCE AND  
TRANSMISSION DEVICE TO DAMP ION  
MOTION AND METHOD OF USE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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